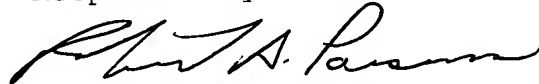


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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Your applicants, Michael H. Ayliffe and Diana Chen, inventors of *COUPLING OPTICAL COMPONENTS IN AN OPTICAL ASSEMBLY*, application for which is submitted concurrently herewith (RAP Docket No. 4189-PA19), certify that this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, and respectfully request that the application not be published at eighteen months.

Respectfully submitted,



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